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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Dear Sir:

Please consider these Preliminary Remarks as a submission in connection with the applicant's Request for Continued Examination, filed simultaneously herewith, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2005.

Remarks begin on page 2, *infra*.